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In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 11, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/001104/WCG for \$210.00 for one additional independent claim, along with any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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